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SUBJECT: Congo/Brazzaville: DELIVERY OF DEMARCHES

REFTELS: (A) STATE 178316; (B) STATE 180336; (C) STATE 199861; (D) STATE 195286; (E) STATE 180474; (F) STATE 179062; (G) STATE 199724; (H) STATE; 189518; REF (I) STATE 170909; (J) STATE 192656; (K) STATE 190748; (L) STATE 199212; (M) STATE 169212; (N) STATE 172703; (O) STATE 189729; (P) STATE 187700

1. The following demarches were delivered between October 7 and November 4.

2. 60TH UNFC: Support of UNGA First Committee Resolution (REF A): Econ/Cons Officer Bakken delivered talking points and resolution text to Mr. Felix Ngoma, Americas Desk Officer for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) on October 7. Ngoma indicated that the information would be forwarded to the appropriate host-government officials and to the New York delegation.

3. WTO/DOHA Talking Points (REF B): Econ/Cons Officer delivered talking points as non-paper to Mr. Ngoma on October 7. On November 4, newly-arrived CDA Biedlingmaier and Econ/Cons Officer delivered the non-papers provided, REFS (C) and (D), to Mr. Ngoma. He indicated that an MFA point of contact would be provided to the embassy if further discussion or clarification were required.

4. WTO Agriculture Negotiations and Geographical Indications (REF E): Econ/Cons Officer delivered talking points as a non-paper to Mr. Ngoma on October 7.

(COMMENT: Post is not aware of any local food products/labeling which might conflict with the European Geographical Indications (GIs). Local food production is limited primarily to the cultivation of subsistence agricultural products and livestock rearing. Since most specialty food items are imported from Europe or South Africa, there is a slight possibility that changes in GIs might affect some consumers, but little or no impact would be anticipated for local producers. Despite repeated overtures from embassy officers, ROC officials have yet to engage on this issue. END COMMENT)

5. ICJ Elections (REFs F, G): On October 10, acting CDA Rutherford delivered talking points and a diplomatic note concerning the upcoming ICJ elections to Ambassador Guillond, MFA Chief of Protocol. Guillond said that he would pass this message to the delegation and stated that the ROC intended to support the U.S. position to re-elect Judge Buergenthal.

6. Gutierrez Letter on UNESCO Cultural Diversity Convention (REF H): On October 13, the letter was delivered to Foreign Minister Rodolphe Adada by acting CDA Rutherford. Talking points from REF (I) were also presented at this meeting. While interested in the topic, the Minister did not indicate whether ROC would be prepared to actively engage on this issue.

7. UNESCO Cultural Diversity Vote (REF J): The diplomatic note was delivered to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on October 19.

8. U.S. Position on EU WTO Agricultural Proposal (REF K): Talking points delivered as non-papers to MFA, Ministry of Commerce and Ministry of Agriculture on October 21.

9. Promoting Ratification of the Cape Town Convention (REF L): On November 4, CDA and Econ/Cons Officer delivered the non-paper and fact sheet to Mr. Ngoma, who indicated that a point of contact would be provided to the embassy at a later date for follow-up action.

10. Terrorism Finance (REFs M, N, O and P): On November 4, CDA and Econ/Cons Officer provided non-papers to Mr. Ngoma. In addition, post reiterated our request for a response regarding any steps that the host government takes using this information.

11. Please be advised that the Embassy Brazzaville TDY Office currently has no access to IVG, OpenNet or GAL e-mail. Embassy staff may be contacted via the following

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